

CONGRESSIONAL PROCEEDINGS.

The following are the Congressional proceedings of yesterday, continued from our Fourth Edition:—

Senate.

The bill to admit Nebraska was taken up. The question was upon Mr. Hendricks's motion to postpone further consideration of the bill until the seventh of January next.

Mr. EDWARDS, of Vermont, took the floor in support of the admission of Nebraska. He said that the condition of impartial suffrage upon the admission of the State, he maintained that Congress had the right to make conditions precedent to the admission of a State, and that it would be retrograding from the principle of equal rights asserted in the District of Columbia bill to permit a new coming State to deny suffrage on account of color.

Mr. WADE, of Ohio, denied that in advocating this bill he was less the advocate of free suffrage than he had been in former days. He regarded this bill as a help and not a hindrance to free principles.

Mr. EDMUNDS asked Mr. Wade if he believed a constitution restricting suffrage to white persons was just or right.

Mr. WADE said he had always been the advocate of impartial suffrage. He believed it now as much as ever; but he did not believe in losing the substance to grasp at a shadow.

Mr. POMEROY gave the reasons why he should vote against Mr. Brown's amendment, and for the bill. He felt bound, he said, to act in good faith to that State, and could not exact no conditions now that were not exacted when it was admitted.

Mr. HOWARD, of Michigan, replied to the speech of Mr. Edmunds, denying the right of Congress to attach the conditions of Mr. Brown's amendment.

At 3 45 P. M., no vote having been taken on the pending bill or amendment.

Mr. GRIMM said that an Executive session be held.

Mr. BUCKALEW, of Pennsylvania, who had the floor, declined to yield, and proceeded to speak at length upon the bill and amendments, dwelling mainly upon topics already discussed in the course of the debate, the smallness of population, &c.

Mr. SHERMAN, of Ohio, then took the floor. Mr. Buckalew in a written speech, opposing the bill.

Mr. SALLESBURY, of Delaware, at 4 P. M., moved that the Senate adjourn, but withdrew that motion for an Executive session, which was held, and the Senate soon after adjourned to meet on Thursday, January 23, 1867.

House of Representatives.

Mr. Williams, of the Committee on the Judiciary, read a report in the case of the arrest and detention under a civil process of Charles D. Culver, Representative from the Twentieth District of Pennsylvania, previous to his arrest, and a summary of the history and precedents that such arrest and detention was a breach of privilege and closing with a resolution directing the speaker to issue his warrant to the Sergeant-at-Arms, commanding him to deliver forthwith to the Hon. Charles V. Culver, detained in a civil suit, from the custody of the Sheriff or jailors of Venango county, or any other person or persons, procuring to hold or detain him, and to make return to the House of such warrant, with the manner of its execution.

The resolution was adopted.

Mr. Deaso, on leave introduced a joint resolution directing that, until otherwise ordered, it should be unlawful for any officer of the United States Government to pay any account, claim, or demand against the Government accruing prior to April 12, 1861, in favor of any person who promoted, encouraged, or in any way sustained the late Rebellion, or in favor of any person who, during such Rebellion, was not known to be opposed thereto, and distinctly in favor of its suppression.

The joint resolution was read three times and passed.

Mr. Stevens offered the following:—Resolved, That a committee of seven be appointed to report a bill to establish a system of free common schools for the District of Columbia, from and after the child six years of age, residing in said District, shall be excluded except for improper conduct. The schools are to be supported by taxes impartially levied on the real estate property of the District, together with such fixed annual appropriations as Congress may grant. Adopted.

On motion of Mr. Donnelly (Minn.), the Secretary of War was requested to communicate the report of Major-General Warren of the surveys made under his supervision during the past season of the Upper Mississippi river and its tributaries, including the Minnesota, Connor, and Zumbro rivers, with a view to the improvement of the navigation of the same.

Mr. Morrill, from the Committee on Ways and Means, reported back the Senate joint resolution in relation to the settlement of the accounts of W. P. Wingate, Collector of the Port of Bangor, Maine. He said that the House would vote on the resolution.

The House went into Committee of the Whole on the state of the Union. Mr. Walker in the chair, on the President's Annual Message.

Mr. W. H. C. resumed his argument against the power of Congress to territorialize the lately rebellious States.

Mr. LAWRENCE, of Ohio, followed with an argument in support of his proposition to reduce the salaries of Senators and members of Congress. He said he had introduced and secured the passage of two bills, one to repeal the act of July last, increasing salaries, so as to restore the salary to what it was before the increase, but leaving the mileage reduced; the other to reduce the mileage still lower—to ten cents per mile. They were introduced separately, so that objections to either might not be urged to defeat the other. He gave a detailed statement of the cost and saving to the treasury, and said the mileage bill would save annually \$125,000. With the present number of members, Congress would save \$1,000,000.

Mr. W. H. C. resumed his argument in other departments, so that all the expenses of the government were affected by this. Judge Story had stated that the most wholesome lessons to be taught in republics are that men should learn suitable economy and prudence in their private affairs. It was a mere question, affecting private as well as public interests and morals. The Constitution denied the English rule which gives no pay to members of Parliament. That large salaries to members of Congress, as sometimes urged, to prevent corruption. The corrective for this was to be found in the virtue and intelligence of the people. Antiquated salaries, and this was attested by the fact that candidates were really more numerous than offices. The true mode of compensation was by per diem wages, as the practice was for the first sixty years of the government, except for the Fourteenth Congress. A salary had a tendency rather to induce neglect of business, while per diem secured it. But he did not suggest to revive this, because he deemed it impossible now.

The annual record of 1866 showed the average salaries of the highest judges of twenty-four of the States to be \$20,000, and in 207 collection districts less than half the income assessed for taxation reached \$200, while by far the largest number of all is much less. Official and unofficial salaries generally would prove the justice of his bills. The law of July should be repealed, because it was passed by being coupled with another provision giving bounties to soldiers. The House twice voted almost unanimously against an increase of salaries. It was carried through the Senate with only two Democratic votes against it, and in the House with only seven Democratic votes against it. The Secretary of the Treasury has recommended a reduction of the greenback currency, with a view to a reduction of prices. He opposed any material reduction of the currency now, as it would add to our national debt, increase its burden, and diminish our means of paying it, and while this scheme was urged it was no time to increase salaries. The salaries of assessors, collectors, and many officers were, some of them, now too high in comparison with the rewards of labor and employments generally. The average salaries of assessors for 1865 and 1866 were over four thousand dollars.

Mr. RANDALL, of Pennsylvania, interrupted Mr. Lawrence, to ask whether he knew of a single member who had not taken his increased pay? Mr. LAWRENCE replied that he did not know of any member who had not taken his increased pay.

Mr. MAYNARD, of Tennessee, felt it due to himself to say that he had not taken the increased compensation till after the matter had gone before the great body of the American people, and that he had seen a gentleman who had taken it (meaning Mr. Randall) returned with great unanimity. Mr. LAWRENCE replied that he did not know of any member who had not taken his increased pay.

Mr. COBB, of Georgia, stated that he had voted against the increase of compensation, and that it was wrong that it was dishonest or corrupting himself, that it would have been dishonest if he had voted for it.

Mr. ASHLEY, of Ohio, remarked, laughingly, that he had been about calling the gentleman to order.

Mr. COBB thanked the gentleman. He repeated that he had voted against the increased compensation, and had drawn no part of it. He showed that a little longer than the gentleman from Tennessee (Mr. Maynard) had waited, and until Congress should, by its non-action or its action, refer to it in a more deliberate manner its wish in the matter.

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